

RECORD FOR CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION
NM-510-2007-0071

BLM Office: Roswell Field Office

Right-of-Way NM 90313

Proposed Action Title/Type: Right-of-Way for use of an existing road to access McClellan Federal No. 1 Well.

Location of Proposed Action: T. 13 S., R. 29 E., N.M.P.M
Section 26: NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$;
Section 27: E $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
Section 34: N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTION: Thornton Operating Company, proposes to acquire authorization (to construct, operate and maintain) 14,660 feet of **existing road**. A right-of-way was previously granted on March 23, 1994 and NEPA analysis was approved on March 9, 1994. Total length of the existing road, including the new amended portion, will be approximately 52,299.20 feet (9.90 miles, 36.018 acres). The entire access road length is located on public land. A 30 feet wide right-of-way is needed for the road with a 14 foot driving surface.

The road will be constructed in accordance with the Roswell District Standard Stipulation for Roads. **The entire road is existing and has been constructed.**

The cross reference files for the access road are **EA# NM-066-94-050**, APD file NM 62195 and right-of-way file NM 88547.

PART I: PLAN CONFORMANCE REVIEW.

The purposed action is in conformance with the approved Roswell Resource Management Plan (RMP), and is consistent with Bureau policy and guidance.

PART II: NEPA REVIEW

This proposed action qualifies as a categorical exclusion under 516 DM 6, Appendix 5.4, E (12). The proposed action has been reviewed and determined that none of the exceptions described in 516 DM 2, Appendix 2, apply.

Reviewed by: Signed 3-23-2007
Irene Gonzaless, Realty Specialist Date

Prepared by: Signed 3-23-2007 Signed 3-23-2007
Judy Yslas, Realty Specialist Date Pat Flanary, Archaeologist Date

III. DECISION.

I have reviewed this plan conformance and NEPA compliance record and have determined that the proposed project is in conformance with existing Bureau policy and guidance and that no further environmental analysis is required. It is my decision to allow the right-of-way as described, for 30 years, with an option to renew, under the authority of Title V of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, subject to the terms and conditions in 43 CFR 2801; and the attached standard and the Standard Stipulations for Access Roads in the Roswell Field Office, BLM.

Compliance and Monitoring: The construction phase of this proposed action and subsequent operational phases will be monitored as per regulation.

Signed 3-26-2007
Larry D. Bray, Assistant Field Manager Date
Assistance Field Manager
Lands and Minerals